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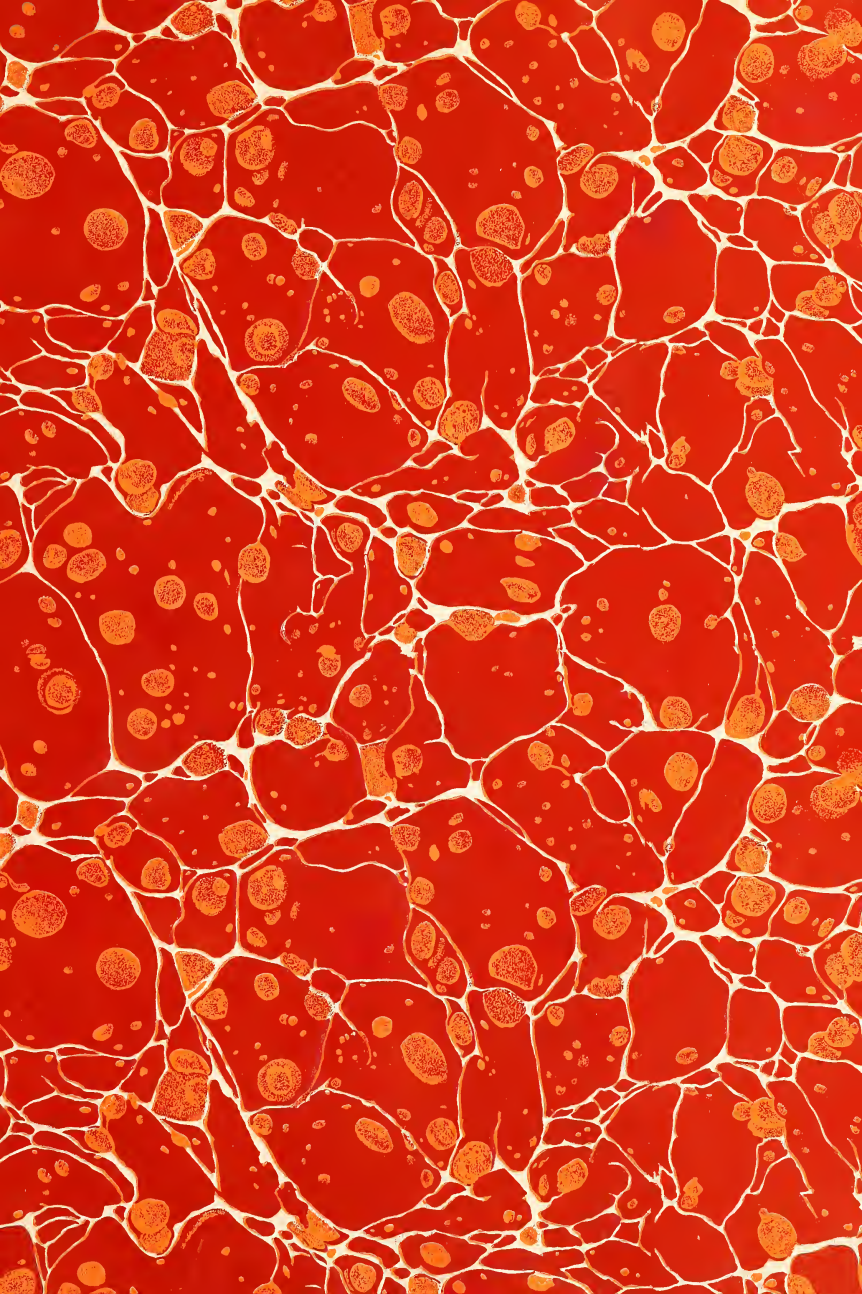
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(SILK CULTURE CIRCULAR, No. 2.)

Department of Agriculture,*Washington, D. C., October 15, 1884.*

Under the act "for the development and encouragement of the culture and raising of raw silk," approved June 5, 1884, it is the desire of this Department to collect information upon certain points bearing directly upon this industry, and by thus placing itself in communication with all silk producers in the United States, to assist in consolidating their efforts and bringing about a more speedy and beneficial result than can be hoped for without Government aid. Its endeavors may be greatly furthered by the several societies and State boards which have been formed in the several sections of the country for the promotion of silk culture, and their help in giving information is earnestly requested. However, in case of the receipt of copies of this circular by individual members of these societies or boards, it is desired that they fill the same out as fully as they can, and with the smallest possible delay. That your replies in the enclosed envelope, which does not need a stamp, bring upon official business. Give all the information that you can, even if it be but in answer to one question, and if you state anything of which you have personally no exact knowledge, please say that it is hearsay, or state your authority.

GEO. B. LORING,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

1884.

HON. GEO. B. LORING,

Commissioner of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of October 25, 1884, I beg to submit the following answers to the enclosed questions

Very respectfully, yours

(Name 1)

(P. O. address 2)

County,

State of

SUBJECT L.—SILK-WORM FOOD.

QUESTION 1. Have you in your county any mulberry trees? In what townships are they? What is their age? What are their varieties?

QUESTION 2. What measures have been taken in your State to encourage the planting of mulberry trees, and by whom have they been taken?

QUESTION 3. In what quantities do the trees exist in your neighborhood?

QUESTION 4. Have you the Osage orange near you, and in what quantities?

SUBJECT II.—SILK-WORM EGGS.

QUESTION 5. What means have you in your State and County of buying silk-worm eggs, and by whom are they sold as regular dealers?

Name of Exhibitor

Address

QUESTION 6. Have any measures been taken in your State to assist the gratuitous distribution of silk-worm eggs? What have such measures been, and by whom taken?

QUESTION 7. What varieties of eggs have been distributed or sold in your State, and, if sold, what prices have been paid?

QUESTION 8. Are any measures taken, to your knowledge, to insure the freedom of these eggs from disease, and what have those measures been?

QUESTION 9. What quantities of eggs have been put in incubation in your State in the following years?

1879, ... ounces; 1880, ... ounces; 1881, ... ounces;
 1882, ... ounces; 1883, ... ounces; 1884, ... ounces.

SUBJECT III.—COCOONS.

QUESTION 10. What has been the total production, in pounds, of fresh cocoons in your State, of the following varieties and in the following years?

[Fresh cocoons are cocoons just as they are taken from the branches. They lose two thirds of their weight in drying.]

VARIETIES	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
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QUESTION 11. What varieties of cocoons seem to be most popular and success-ful among the sericul-turists of your neighborhood?

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SUBJECT IV.—PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

QUESTION 12. What has been your personal experience in silk culture, and what benefits have you derived therefrom? Mention the quantities raised by you each year, and their varieties; also your preferences in regard to variety. State where you obtained your eggs. What book of instructions have you? You may also state any other point which you may deem of interest.

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Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C., October 1, 1884.

You will confer a favor by filling in this blank with the names and addresses of such persons in your neighborhood as may be interested in silk culture. Do not leave out any name simply because you do not know the full address, but give it as fully as you can. Please return this as soon as possible, signed by your name, even if you fill in no names.

GEO. B. LORING,

Commissioner of Agriculture.

NAME.

(If lady, state if Miss or Mrs.)

ADDRESS.

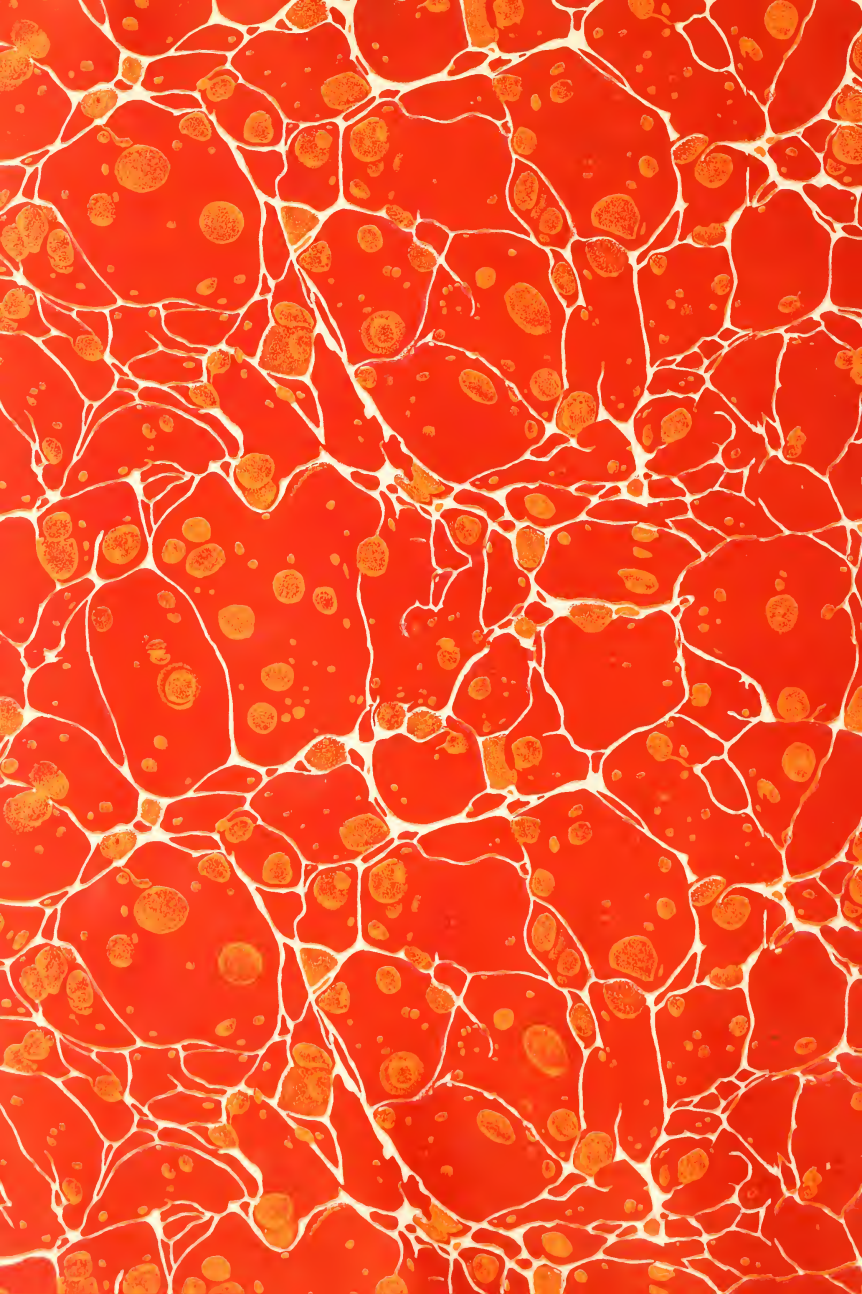
HON. GEO. B. LORING,

Commissioner of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your above circular, I beg to submit the above list of names.

Respectfully yours,



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